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United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois					Voluntary Petition			
Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle):  Howard, Donald P.				Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):  Howard, Betty S.				
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):				All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):				
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Street Address of Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State): 17538 Hawthorne Ave. Country Club Hills, IL  ZIP Code				Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State):  17538 Hawthorne Ave.  Country Club Hills, IL  ZIP Code				
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of		60478		•	ence or of the	Principal Pla	60478 ace of Business:	
Cook  Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from stre	eet address):			Cook  Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):				
	Г	ZIP Code					ZIP Code	
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):			<u> </u>					
Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box)  ■ Individual (includes Joint Debtors) See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.  □ Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) □ Partnership □ Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.)	(Check ☐ Health Care Bus ☐ Single Asset Re in 11 U.S.C. § 1 ☐ Railroad ☐ Stockbroker ☐ Commodity Bro ☐ Clearing Bank ☐ Other ☐ Tax-Exer	al Estate as d 01 (51B)  oker  mpt Entity , if applicable)	Chapter 11 of a For Chapter 12 Chapter 13 of a For Chapter 14 of a For Chapter 15 of a			hapter 15 Petition for Recognition a Foreign Main Proceeding hapter 15 Petition for Recognition a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding e of Debts c one box)		
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Statistical/Administrative Information  ☐ Debtor estimates that funds will be available ☐ Debtor estimates that, after any exempt prop there will be no funds available for distribution	erty is excluded and	administrative		es paid,		THIS	SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY	
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istrict:		Relationship:	Judge:		
	Exhibit A	(To be completed if debtor is an	Exhibit B individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.)		
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	Information Regardin	ng the Debtor - Venue			
	(Check any ap	oplicable box)			
	Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, princip days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for	al place of business, or princip a longer part of such 180 days	al assets in this District for 180 s than in any other District.		
	There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, go		•		
	Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its prince this District, or has no principal place of business or assets proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the sought in this District.	in the United States but is a d	lefendant in an action or		
	Certification by a Debtor Who Reside (Check all app		Property		
	Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession	•	hecked, complete the following.)		
	(Name of landlord that obtained judgment)				
_	(Address of landlord)				
_	Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment	for possession, after the judgm	ent for possession was entered, and		
	Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the coafter the filing of the petition.	·			
	Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with the	his certification. (11 U.S.C. § 3	362(I)).		

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States Code, specified in this petition.

Signature of Authorized Individual Printed Name of Authorized Individual Title of Authorized Individual

Date

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.

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## **United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois**

		Northern District of Illinois		
In re	Donald P. Howard Betty S. Howard		Case No.	
		Debtor(s)	Chapter	7

# EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT

Warning: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.

- 1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency*.
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- □ 3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the five days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. [Summarize exigent circumstances here.] \_\_\_\_

If your certification is satisfactory to the court, you must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy petition and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the counseling, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. Your case may also be dismissed if the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing.

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□ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: [Check the applicable statement.] [Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]
☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or
mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);
Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);
☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.
□ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.
I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.
Signature of Debtor:  Date: 9/9/09  Donald P. Noward

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Signature of Debtor: Bett & Howard
Betty S. Howard
Date: 9/9/09

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

### NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S) UNDER § 342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

In accordance with § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, this notice to individuals with primarily consumer debts: (1) Describes briefly the services available from credit counseling services; (2) Describes briefly the purposes, benefits and costs of the four types of bankruptcy proceedings you may commence; and (3) Informs you about bankruptcy crimes and notifies you that the Attorney General may examine all information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case.

You are cautioned that bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Thus, you may wish to seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities should you decide to file a petition. Court employees cannot give you legal advice.

Notices from the bankruptcy court are sent to the mailing address you list on your bankruptcy petition. In order to ensure that you receive information about events concerning your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address. If you are filing a **joint case** (a single bankruptcy case for two individuals married to each other), and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, you and your spouse will generally receive a single copy of each notice mailed from the bankruptcy court in a jointly-addressed envelope, unless you file a statement with the court requesting that each spouse receive a separate copy of all notices.

#### 1. Services Available from Credit Counseling Agencies

With limited exceptions, § 109(h) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that all individual debtors who file for bankruptcy relief on or after October 17, 2005, receive a briefing that outlines the available opportunities for credit counseling and provides assistance in performing a budget analysis. The briefing must be given within 180 days before the bankruptcy filing. The briefing may be provided individually or in a group (including briefings conducted by telephone or on the Internet) and must be provided by a nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The clerk of the bankruptcy court has a list that you may consult of the approved budget and credit counseling agencies. Each debtor in a joint case must complete the briefing.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, an individual debtor generally must complete a financial management instructional course before he or she can receive a discharge. The clerk also has a list of approved financial management instructional courses. Each debtor in a joint case must complete the course.

#### 2. The Four Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code Available to Individual Consumer Debtors

#### Chapter 7: Liquidation (\$245 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee, \$15 trustee surcharge: Total Fee \$299)

- 1. Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts. Debtors whose debts are primarily consumer debts are subject to a "means test" designed to determine whether the case should be permitted to proceed under chapter 7. If your income is greater than the median income for your state of residence and family size, in some cases, creditors have the right to file a motion requesting that the court dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Code. It is up to the court to decide whether the case should be dismissed.
- 2. Under chapter 7, you may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. A trustee may have the right to take possession of and sell the remaining property that is not exempt and use the sale proceeds to pay your creditors.
- 3. The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge and, if it does, the purpose for which you filed the bankruptcy petition will be defeated.
- 4. Even if you receive a general discharge, some particular debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for most taxes and student loans; debts incurred to pay nondischargeable taxes; domestic support and property settlement obligations; most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; and debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs. Also, if a creditor can prove that a debt arose from fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, or theft, or from a willful and malicious injury, the bankruptcy court may determine that the debt is not discharged.

### <u>Chapter 13</u>: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$235 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$274)

1. Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments

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over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.

- 2. Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, using your future earnings. The period allowed by the court to repay your debts may be three years or five years, depending upon your income and other factors. The court must approve your plan before it can take effect.
- 3. After completing the payments under your plan, your debts are generally discharged except for domestic support obligations; most student loans; certain taxes; most criminal fines and restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury; and certain long term secured obligations.

### Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$1000 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$1039)

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

### Chapter 12: Family Farmer or Fisherman (\$200 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$239)

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm or commercial fishing operation.

### 3. Bankruptcy Crimes and Availability of Bankruptcy Papers to Law Enforcement Officials

A person who knowingly and fraudulently conceals assets or makes a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury, either orally or in writing, in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. All information supplied by a debtor in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the United States Trustee, the Office of the United States Attorney, and other components and employees of the Department of Justice.

WARNING: Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information regarding your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. Your bankruptcy case may be dismissed if this information is not filed with the court within the time deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

Certificate of Attorney

I hereby certify that I delivered to the debtor this notice required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. 9/9/09 Bennett A. Kahn, Rae Kaplan Printed Name of Attorney Address: 55 E. Jackson Blvd. Suite 650 Chicago, IL 60604 (312)294-8989 www.financialrelief.com Certificate of Debtor I (We), the debtor(s), affirm that I (we) have received and read this notice Donald P. Howard Betty S. Howard Printed Name(s) of Debtor(s) Date Case No. (if known) Date

Amtrust Bank P.O. Box 961247 Fort Worth, TX 76161-0247

Bank of America\*
P.O. Box 15026
Wilmington, DE 19886-5726

Chase\*
Cardmember Services
P.O. Box 15298
Wilmington, DE 19850-5298

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Cardmember Services
P.O. Box 15298
Wilmington, DE 19850-5298

Chase\*Freedom
Cardmember Services
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Chase\*Prof Cardmember Services P.O. Box 15298 Wilmington, DE 19850-5298

Citi Cards\*Diamond P.O. Box 142319 Irving, TX 75014-2319

Citi Cards\*Platinum P.O. Box 142319 Irving, TX 75014-2319

CitiMortgage, Inc.\*
P.O. Box 829009
Dallas, TX 75382-9009

Cook County Treasurer Rm. 222, County Building Attn: Martha A. Mills Chicago, IL 60602 Cook County Treasurer Rm. 22 County Bldg. 118 N. Clark attn. Martha Mills Chicago, IL 60602

GMAC Auto Financial\* P.O. Box 130424 Roseville, MN 55113

Ingalls Memorial Hospital P.O. Box 5435, Dept. 0028 Carol Stream, IL 60197-5435

Prongur Smith Medical Care P.O. Box 789 Tinley Park, IL 60477-0789

Sam Club Discover P.O. Box 960013 Orlando, FL 32896-0013

Sullivan Urgent Dept. 20-6001 P.O. Box 5990 Carol Stream, IL 60197

Toyota Financial Services\*
Bankruptcy Dept.
P.O. Box 8026
Cedar Rapids, IA 52408-8026

Toyota Motor Credit Corp. P.O. Box 2730 Mail Stop WF22 Torrance, CA 90509-2730

Wells Fargo Auto Finance\* P.O. Box 29704 Phoenix, AZ 85038-9704

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage\*
Attn: Bankruptcy Mail
MAC# X7801-014, 3476 Stateview Blvd
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